



THE STAKEHOLDER BRIEF

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to present “The Stakeholder Brief,” a quarterly update of important upcoming activities, actions and accomplishments from CDPH. Updates include information about meetings, presentations, media announcements and solicitations for input or services. To receive this update or to unsubscribe from the list, visit the CDPH [Subscribe page](#). For questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at CDPHpress@cdph.ca.gov. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Meetings

California Conference of Local Health Officers

- **July 7 and August 4, 2016**, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board of Directors will meet in Sacramento. CCLHO meeting information is available on the CDPH [CCLHO Web page](#).

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **July 20, 2016**, the California Health Collaborative is hosting a stakeholder meeting in Fresno. The Collaborative is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and health of Californians, particularly the underserved and underrepresented. The Collaborative implements an array of health promotion and disease prevention programs, public health surveillance systems, and a variety of capacity-building and networking activities. The meeting will include presentations from Chronic Disease Control Branch staff on the California Wellness Plan, Healthy Hearts California, the Sodium Awareness Leadership Team and the Prevent Diabetes STAT Campaign. The meeting will allow stakeholders from California’s Central Valley to share, coordinate, and integrate heart disease and diabetes-related activities in an effort to decrease silos, eliminate health

disparities, and increase efficiency and effectiveness in addressing factors contributing to heart disease and stroke.

- **July 21, 2016**, the California Comprehensive Cancer Control Program's cancer coalition, the California Dialogue on Cancer (CDOC) will hold a CDOC All Members Meeting. CDOC All Members Meetings are a way in which CDOC stakeholders can connect with the coalition and learn how to get involved with coalition activities. This meeting serves as a venue for information exchange and provides opportunities for open dialogue among stakeholders. This meeting is also a mechanism in which the coalition coordinates strategies to address the burden of cancer in California.
- **July 28, 2016**, the Biomonitoring California's Scientific Guidance Panel will meet at the CDPH State Public Health Laboratory in Richmond. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the [Biomonitoring website](#). Biomonitoring California is a joint statutory program of CDPH, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and is responsible for measuring toxic chemicals in Californians, tracking exposure trends over time, and helping assess the effectiveness of existing public health and environmental programs in reducing exposures to toxic chemicals.
- **August 9, 2016**, the Asthma Learning Collaborative (ALC) will hold a webinar to discuss data-reporting requirements and communications-outreach activities. The ALC is a group of seven federally-qualified, school-based health centers located in California that work with California School-Based Health Alliance, Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health, and California Breathing (the asthma program within CDPH), to create a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded statewide model for supporting students with asthma. Goals include reductions in emergency room visits, hospital admissions, primary-care-provided sick visits, missed school days and symptom days.
- **September (TBD) 2016**, the Community Stakeholder Group meeting of the Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (Delta MERP) will be held (location TBD). The Delta MERP is a collaborative project of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch. The Delta MERP's goal is to raise awareness about fish contamination in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and reduce exposure to mercury and other chemicals from eating fish. The quarterly meetings provide an opportunity for stakeholders, who include community-based organizations, and local and state agencies, to keep informed and provide input on the project. For more information, visit the [Delta MERP website](#).
- **September 13, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will host its quarterly Advisory Group Meeting at the East End Complex in Sacramento. The group functions as a forum for bringing together state agencies involved in regulating California's gambling industry, legislative representatives, educators, individuals in the recovery community and other key stakeholders. Specifically, the group offers guidance related to the OPG Strategic Plan. During this fall meeting, OPG will provide updates related to problem gambling prevention and treatment programs. The meetings are open to the public.

- **September 19, 2016**, the California Comprehensive Cancer Control Program's cancer coalition, the California Dialogue on Cancer's (CDOCs) Executive Committee, will hold its quarterly meeting via teleconference. CDOC Executive Committee meetings include CDOC leadership and other coalition representatives that discuss coalition priorities, activities and planning.
- **September (TBD) 2016**, the chronic disease prevention programs within CDPH, in collaboration with The California Endowment and other internal and external partners, will host a California Prevent Diabetes Screen, Test, Act-Today™ meeting in Sacramento to launch California's Diabetes Prevention Action Plan. Partners in attendance will report on their intended activities and action steps to increase collaboration and synergy for collective impact to increase prediabetes awareness, and scale-up and sustain the National Diabetes Prevention Program in California through 2018. For any questions regarding this event, please contact Corine Amato at (916) 552-9936.
- **Fall 2016**, the legislatively-mandated Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) will meet in Oakland. TEROC advises the CDPH, California Tobacco Control Program; the California Department of Education, Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program; and the University of California Office of the President's Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program on agency, policy and budgetary issues. The three programs will provide updates based on the 2015-2017 TEROC Master Plan objectives. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association will provide updates on current tobacco-related activities and legislation. More information is available on [TEROC's website](#).

Center for Family Health

- **July 11, 2016**, the CDPH Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division will hold its quarterly vendor stakeholder meeting via conference call. In addition to keeping stakeholders updated with ongoing program changes (such as the implementation of WIC electronic benefits transfer and proposed regulatory changes) stakeholders are encouraged to provide their input on key issues such as the impact of food costs and availability. Vendors interested in attending may contact the WIC Vendor Training Unit at wicvendored@cdph.ca.gov
- **September 8, 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State Interagency Team Workgroup will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. The workgroup strives to improve home visiting through interagency collaboration. Workgroup members include the California departments of Education, Health Care Services, Developmental Services, the American Academy of Pediatrics, First 5 California, the Domestic Violence Leadership Group, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Action representatives and the CDPH WIC Division. This meeting will focus on the collaboration between the Office of Health Equity and local CHVP sites. For more information, visit the [CHVP website](#).
- **September 26 and 27, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, Regional Perinatal Programs of California (RPPC) will convene its fall meeting in Sacramento. RPPC directors from nine regions will participate in a discussion regarding emerging perinatal issues that affect each region and will discuss opportunities to address these issues. Specific strategies to be discussed will include resource sharing,

strengthening perinatal regions, infrastructure for early risk-assessment, referral and access to risk-appropriate care, environmental scan review, and defining immediate and short-term RPPC goals.

Center for Health Care Quality

- **August 11, 2016**, the Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Advisory Committee will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. This legislatively-mandated committee is composed of 21 voting members and seven liaison members charged with making recommendations to CDPH on the prevention, surveillance and public reporting of HAI. More information about the committee is available on the [HAI Advisory Committee website](#). The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted 10 days prior to the meeting.

CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith recently appointed 11 new members to the committee. The new voting members include: Nancy Waters (health care provider), Patricia Kassab and Tim Clark (hospital administration professionals), Roy Boukidjian (infection control professional), John Culver (integrated health systems representative), Matt Zahn (local health department official), and Marisa Holubar (physician, infectious disease or hospital epidemiologist). New organizational liaison members include Howard Pitluk, MD, MPH, FACS (Health Services Advisory Group), Phillip Robinson, MD (Infectious Disease Association of California), and Jeremy Elkins, MBA, PA-C (California Association of Physician Assistants).

- **September 8, 2016**, the CDPH Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ) will hold its semi-annual stakeholder forum in Sacramento. This meeting provides an opportunity for CHCQ to share program updates and solicit feedback on improving the Licensing and Certification Program to ensure that Californians receive the highest quality of medical care in health facilities. Semiannual stakeholder meetings are specified under 2014 Trailer Bill Requirements (Senate Bill 857, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2014). Stakeholders may attend or participate via webinar. The agenda and webinar instructions will be posted online in late August. The meeting is open to the public. More information is available on [CHCQ's Stakeholder Forum website](#). Questions and comments can be emailed to CHCQStakeholderForum@cdph.ca.gov.

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **August 4, 2016**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records (CHSI-VR) will meet with county clerks, recorders and health departments at the quarterly Vision Group meeting in Sacramento. Discussion items include the issuance and registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths and marriages. The Vision Group meeting is jointly sponsored by the County Recorder Association of California and CHSI-VR.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **July 7, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health (OBBH), in coordination with several agencies representing government, academia and nonprofit organizations in the California-Baja California border region, will hold a Binational Executive Meeting as part of the Border Health Consortium of the Californias (BHCC) in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The BHCC's goals are to create networking opportunities in order to strengthen collaboration, improve communication, share knowledge and best practices, and

disseminate information amongst organizations/individuals working in public health in the California-Baja California border region. The BHCC facilitates access to trainings and capacity building for individuals and organizations working in public health in the California-Baja California border region, and educates local, state and federal legislators regarding public health issues affecting the border region.

- **July 12, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health staff will represent Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana Dooley at the next California-Mexico Border Relations Council (CMBRC) Meeting in San Diego. The CMBRC includes the secretaries of Environmental Protection Agency (Chair), the Natural Resources Agency, Health and Human Services Agency, California State Transportation Agency, and the directors of the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Office of Emergency Services to coordinate the activities of state agencies, and to conduct statewide planning and oversight relating to issues of concern between the state of California and the Republic of Mexico.
- **July 20, August 17 and September 21 of 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, as part of the San Diego County Promotores Coalition (SDCPC), is convening a monthly SDCPC meeting in San Diego. The SDCPC is a group aimed to advance the work of Promotores to reach underserved populations and decrease health disparities. The SDCPC mission is to advance, value and recognize the work of Promotores and support organizations that work with Promotores to increase access and services to residents of San Diego County.
- **July 22, 2016**, the CDPH Vector-Borne Disease Section staff will participate in the quarterly meeting of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California in Santa Ana. Staff will present an update on key vector-borne disease activities in California, emphasizing Zika preparedness and response.
- **July 26, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health will convene the California/Baja California Quarterly Epidemiology Meeting in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. Participants include key local and state public health officials from California and Baja California. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance infectious-disease situational awareness in the border region. This meeting provides a platform for sharing information on current infectious-disease cases and/or outbreaks in the border region, and discussing other public health concerns.
- **September (TBD) 2016**, the CDPH Office of Refugee Health, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Bureau, will hold four quarterly regional stakeholder meetings in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and Alameda (dates TBD). The goal is to promote community engagement and improve self-sufficiency, adjustment and integration for newly-arriving refugees by sharing information on refugee processing and arrivals, health concerns, available funding and resources, and other timely issues affecting refugee placement. More information is available on the [Refugee Programs Bureau's website](#).

Laboratory Field Services

- **September 9, 2016**, the quarterly meeting of the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee (CLTAC) will be held in Richmond and Los Angeles with a videoconference link.

The agenda with information about teleconference access to the meeting will be posted by August 26 on [CLTAC's website](#). Minutes from previous meetings are also available on the website.

Office of Health Equity

- **July 30, 2016**, Jahmal Miller, deputy director, CDPH Office of Health Equity, will be a panelist at the National Medical Association's (NMA) Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly in Los Angeles. The NMA is acclaimed as the nation's foremost forum on medical science and African American health. Each year, African American physicians and other health professionals from across the country meet to participate in the scholarly exchange of medical advances, discuss health policy priorities, and share experiences through networking opportunities.
- **August 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity (OHE) will host the California Reducing Disparities Project (CDRP) Phase II kick-off meeting, convening approximately 40 contractors and grantees for an introduction of the OHE, orientation on the overarching goals of the CRDP and an overview of CDPH state contracting processes. More information is available on the [OHE website](#).

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Trainings & Conferences

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **Summer 2016**, the CDPH California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP) will conduct an educational outreach campaign for tobacco retailers to assist in the implementation of the new Tobacco 21 law (Senate Bill X2 7, Hernandez, Chapter 8, Statutes of 2016), which became effective June 9, 2016. This law changes the tobacco minimum age of sale from 18 to 21 years of age and includes e-cigarettes. CTCP is mailing materials to the more than 34,000 tobacco retailers and an estimated 1,200 vape shops throughout the state. The materials include a summary of the changes, an ID-checking guide and other helpful information. These materials will also be available for download. Advertisements, including educational posters at gas stations and convenience stores, will appear in July and August. The posters remind customers and retailers about the new law and provide the California Smokers' Helpline toll-free number for help in quitting tobacco use.
- **July 22, 2016**, the CDPH Oral Health Program, which aims to improve the oral health of high-risk pregnant women and infants, and the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, are co-hosting a no-cost educational seminar and workshop for Sonoma County medical and dental professionals. The event, "Improving Oral Health Care for Pregnant Women and Infants in Sonoma County," unites medical and dental professionals with a mutual understanding of current practice guidelines, best practices and case studies, and features local champions currently improving the delivery of oral health care within the community. The state dental director and subject matter experts from throughout California will be featured at the event. More information is available on the [Oral Health Program website](#).

- **August 9, 2016 and August 17, 2016**, the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch will host two workshops for their Champions Alliance Program (CAP) on August 9th (Sacramento) and August 17th (Orange County). CAP is designed to help recruit new Champions for Change and partner with local health departments in the delivery of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education in their surrounding communities. Champions Alliance workshops bring together community partners with their recruited bilingual Champions for Change to build skills, share resources and foster relationships to achieve shared goals of promoting healthy eating, active living and working towards changes to improve communities. More information is available on the [CAP website](#).
- **August 24 - 26, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling will conduct the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services (CalGETS) Phase I Training in San Diego. Phase I Training consists of online and classroom training related to gambling disorders offering up to 30 hours of continuing education units (CEU's). Licensed health providers who meet the criteria to become an authorized CalGETS Provider will be eligible to receive fee for service reimbursement from the state after completing training. Registration and CEUs are both offered at no charge. Advanced registration is required. Registration and additional details are available on [the CalGETS website](#).
- **August 24, 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program staff will co-present with the Safe Routes to School National Partnership on a webinar "*Safe Routes to School and Student Leaders: Facilitator's Guide to Engaging Middle School Youth*." The webinar will introduce the guide, developed in 2015, to Safe Routes to School practitioners, local public health departments and other interested parties in California. This guide offers practical tools for adult facilitators supporting middle-school students to promote safe walking, bicycling and public transit use to and from school.
- **September 22, 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Prescription Drug Overdose Program will co-sponsor, with the California Health Care Foundation, a convening in Oakland that will focus on opioid safety and prevention. CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith will discuss data trends, marketing and consumer outreach, the role of prescribing in the addiction epidemic, and how to encourage conversations with patients and community members. Attendees will include members of 17 local coalitions from 24 California counties, local health department personnel, local law enforcement, substance-use disorder specialists, alcohol and drug specialists, and community members.
- **September 30, 2016**, the CDPH California Breathing Program will hold a training in Oakland for seven federally-qualified, school-based health centers that are participating in a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Asthma Learning Collaborative (ALC). The ALC is working to create a statewide model for supporting students with asthma, and includes the school health centers, California School-Based Health Alliance, Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health, and California Breathing (CDPH's asthma program). Goals include reducing the number of emergency room visits, hospital admissions, primary care-provider sick visits, missed school days and symptom days.

Center for Environmental Health

- **August 3 - 4, 2016**, the CDPH Food and Drug Branch's (FDB) Food Industry Education and Training Unit will host food-safety trainings in Irwindale for registered food processors on the topics of good manufacturing practices, allergen controls, food recalls, and food labeling. Additional training dates are being planned for September in other locations. Food processors can register for these free trainings on the [FDB website](#).

Center for Family Health

- **July 27 (Webinar), August 2, (Sacramento) and September 29, 2016 (Sacramento)**, the CDPH Vital Records (VR), in collaboration with the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, Regional Perinatal Programs for California (RPPC), will conduct annual birth data quality workshops to provide assistance to birth clerks, nurse managers, and local registrars with birth registration and data-collection issues. These workshops highlight the importance of accurate data collection that is vital to improving birth data quality. Birth data is used for program planning, funding, outcome evaluation, and ongoing research to improve the health of mothers and infants. Specific items to be addressed include reference tools to aid hospitals and local registrars in birth registration. For additional information, including registration, contact the Birth and Marriage Registration Section at (916) 445-8494.
- **July through September 2016**, the CDPH Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division will offer interactive training classes to WIC-vendor applicants and newly-authorized WIC vendors to familiarize them with the WIC program policies and procedures. During July, August and September 2016, CDPH/WIC is scheduled to conduct approximately 15 interactive classes. Vendors may attend classes at one of several locations, including San Diego, Riverside, Santa Ana, Sacramento and Redding. Vendors interested in attending may contact the CDPH/WIC Vendor Training Unit at wicvendored@cdph.ca.gov.
- **August 1 - 2, 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting program (CHVP) will host a statewide Home Visiting Summit at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento. CHVP is partnering with several state departments and stakeholder organizations to host the event. Topics to be discussed include: Cal-Works 101, Scaling and Sustaining Home Visiting: The Role of Healthcare, Secondary Trauma and Self Care for Home Visitors, Determining Infant-Toddler Safety when the Caregiver is Struggling with a Mental Health of Substance Use Issue, and Home Visiting as a Pillar of a Comprehensive Early Childhood Approach. The event includes a screening of the James Redford documentary, Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope. To see the full agenda or to register visit the [Summit website](#).

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **July 27, 2016 (webinar), August 2, 2016 (Sacramento), and September 29, 2016 (Antioch)**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will host birth data quality meetings to address issues regarding birth data collection. Regional

Perinatal Program Coordinators and the Department of Child Support Services, Paternity Opportunity Program will also make presentations.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **July/August 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Care Services' Office of Rural Health, will hold Promotores Pesticide Safety Trainings throughout California. These trainings will provide Promotores with the tools and knowledge to better inform the farm-worker community and their families about pesticide safety. The presentations will be interactive and will be evaluated using pre- and post-tests and a qualitative survey.
- **August 23 - 26, 2016**, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 2016 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Treatment and Care will take place in Washington, DC. The HIV Care Program (HCP) submitted two abstracts for this conference. If accepted, one presentation will describe the Housing Plus Project, an initiative to increase HCP client's viral load suppression and medical-care retention by providing housing assistance. Unstable housing is a significant known barrier to medical-care retention. The other will describe approaches for using Ryan White funds to provide surveillance-based re-engagement in HIV care activities. These panels include local presenters from health departments and community-based organizations.
- **September 29, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, as a member of the San Diego County Promotores Coalition, is coordinating the 2016 Adelante Promotores Conference in San Diego. The aim of the conference is to provide annual training opportunities for Promotores/Community Health Workers (CHWs) in San Diego County. During the conference, Promotores/CHWs can attend personal and professional training workshops and participate in discussions focused on health topics they request.

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Regulatory Actions

Center for Family Health

- **Summer 2016**, the CDPH Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division anticipates publishing the final rule on Regulatory Alerts 2016-01 and 2016-02 in late June with an effective date in late July 2016. [Regulatory Alert 2016-01](#) proposed changes to the rules for calculating the maximum allowable reimbursement rate for WIC-authorized vendors. [Regulatory Alert 2016-02](#) proposed changes to the WIC vendor authorization criteria, specifically the section on business integrity and circumvention of WIC sanction. CDPH anticipates publishing changes to amendments to the vendor authorization criteria by late summer or early fall 2016.

Laboratory Field Services

- **July 2016**, the CDPH Laboratory Field Services (LFS) will issue an All Clinical Laboratories Letter (ACLL) regarding the requirements that accrediting organizations (AO) must meet in order to gain approval from the state to deem clinical laboratories in lieu of a state-issued license. The ACLL has a 30-day comment period and does not become effective until the 45th day. The ACLL has the effect of a regulation for AOs.

Section 1223 of the California Business and Professions Code allows CDPH to approve private, non-profit AOs to inspect clinical laboratories operating in California or laboratories outside California processing specimens originating in California for the purpose of deeming them to meet the requirements of California clinical laboratory law for licensure or registration. Laboratories can choose licensure or registration by the department or certification of deemed status by a private non-profit accrediting organization approved by the department. More information is available on the [LFS website](#).

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Grants and Contracts

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **July 2016**, the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch will enter into a cooperative agreement with the University of California, San Diego in the amount of \$63,044 to support the development, financial sustainability and documentation of an asthma home-visitor program utilizing community health workers (CHW) at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego. Upon contract approval, the funds will support coordination, data collection and reporting between Rady Severe Asthma Clinic, its patients and CHWs based at La Maestra Health Centers and other community-based clinics. This project will culminate in an economic evaluation that will be included in an in-depth business case for CHW asthma home-visiting in California.
- **July 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Kids Plates' Program will deliver child safety equipment to 146 entities throughout California. Awardees will provide safety education and distribute the equipment at no cost to children from low-income families. Approximately 27,000 pieces of safety equipment will be distributed, including child safety-seats, multi-sport safety helmets, life vests and smoke alarms.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **July 1, 2016**, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program will begin a new, three-year contract term. The HOPWA Program provides housing assistance and supportive services to approximately 1,800 HIV-positive clients in California. The program currently has 22 contractors.
- **September 30, 2016**, the 2017–2021 AIDS Waiver Renewal Application will be due to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. The application is currently available for

public review and comment on the [AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program's \(MCWP\) website](#). The term of the renewal application is January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021. MCWP provides services designed to allow people with AIDS to remain in their homes, stabilize their health, improve their quality of life and avoid costly institutional care.

- **September 2016**, the CDPH Office of AIDS (OA) will submit a Ryan White Program Part B Supplement Grant application to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration requesting \$14,500,000 in funding. If awarded, the funds will be used to increase access to hepatitis C virus medications, implement the new AIDS Drug Assistance Program Enrollment Benefits Management contract, increase the percentage of Californians living with HIV who are diagnosed and linked to care through outreach and early intervention services, and support clinical quality-management activities. The grant runs from September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017.
- **September 2016**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will extend by one year, until the end of 2017, funding opportunity announcement # PS12-1201: "Comprehensive Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Programs for Health Departments." Funding will support current programmatic activities for 2017. The application will be due September 2016.

Office of Health Equity

- **September 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity's California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) will announce an awardee for the Native American (NA) Technical Assistance Provider Solicitation. CDPH intends to fund one organization for \$2.5 million through 2022 to provide technical assistance to NA pilot projects in order to reduce mental health disparities in their communities.
- **September 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity's CRDP Phase II will release the Education, Outreach and Awareness (EOA) Solicitation. The purpose of the EOA solicitation is to fund organizations to convene community stakeholders at the local or regional level to address mental health disparities and facilitate change in the public mental health system through implementation of the CRDP Strategic Plan to Reduce Mental Health Disparities. Approximately \$120,000 per year will be available for five years with the funding period ending in 2022.
- **September 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity's CRDP will issue the Native American (NA) Implementation Pilot Project Solicitation, with its primary focus on community-defined practices for reducing mental health disparities for tribal communities. CDPH will fund two tribal organizations to implement mental health prevention and early intervention approaches to achieve quality mental health services for NA populations. There will be approximately \$288,000 available per year with the funding period ending in 2022. The release of these solicitations will complete the Phase II contract process.

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Reports

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **July 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will distribute an Active Transportation Resource Center eNews Bulletin to more than 950 active transportation non-infrastructure practitioners and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects that receive Caltrans' Active Transportation Program funding to conduct education and encouragement campaigns promoting safe walking and biking at the local, regional and state levels. This eNews issue will advertise upcoming trainings and new resources, highlight local SRTS program successes and recommend active transportation activities for the summer.
- **Fall 2016**, California Breathing, CDPH's asthma program, will release an update to its report, "Asthma in California: A Surveillance Report (2013)." The report describes the burden of asthma in California, including data on prevalence and rates of emergency department visits and hospitalizations. Data will show trends and are grouped by demographics to examine disparities. It will provide a framework for stakeholders to target asthma education, interventions and policy initiatives. This, and previous reports, can be found on the [California Breathing's website](#).
- **September 18 - 24, 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Vehicle Occupant Safety Program, in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol, will distribute new educational materials statewide in conjunction with Child Passenger Safety Week. These materials will increase awareness of a new law in California, effective January 1, 2017, to keep children rear-facing in an appropriate child restraint until they are at least two years of age. Educational materials include an awareness poster produced in 11 languages, a parent/caregiver brochure, and a video to educate law enforcement on citation procedures.
- **September 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program, through collaboration with the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch and the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, will distribute a Walking School Bus Toolkit to Caltrans-funded Active Transportation Program awardees and local public health departments. A Walking School Bus refers to a group of children that walk to school together accompanied by adults. The toolkit will help local communities plan and organize Walking School Buses as a way to support safe and active transportation options for students, and address common barriers that may prevent students from walking to school.

Center for Family Health

- **July 13, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will submit to the federal government the annual report in compliance with Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Application. California reports annually on national and state outcome/performance measures, which document progress towards the achievement of established performance measures ensuring accountability for the ongoing monitoring of

health status in women and children, and lends support to the delivery of an effective public health system. Complementary to the reporting of outcome and performance measure data is the state narrative Title V story, which discusses the program's impact within California.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **August 2016**, the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch will release the 2015 STD Annual Report Executive Summary on the [program website](#). The 2015 Executive Summary key findings are based on the 2015 STD data and note that the burden of notifiable bacterial STDs in California (chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis) continued to be substantial in 2015 and increased when compared to 2014 and the prior five years. In 2015 chlamydia case reports were at a historic high (189,000), gonorrhea case reports increased to a level last seen in 1990 (more than 54,000), and early syphilis cases increased sharply to more than 9,300. The most concerning increase has been in congenital syphilis cases, which have more than doubled to 140 since 2013.
- **September 2016**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch (IDB) will post epidemiologic summary reports of three infectious diseases: non-cholera vibriosis, listeriosis, and Lyme disease on the [department's website](#). The summaries are written for local health departments and other public health and health care professionals. The data in the reports provide important health information on the magnitude and burden of the disease in California. These data can contribute toward identifying high-risk groups needing preventive actions and tracking the effectiveness of control and prevention measures. Additionally, CDPH will post the yearly summaries of selected communicable diseases which present incidence among cases with estimated illness onset during 2011–2015. The summaries will describe trends by various demographic characteristics (age group, race/ethnicity, county, etc.).
- **September 2016**, the annual report "Tuberculosis in California, 2015" will be available [online](#). In addition to the numerous tables and graphics presenting tuberculosis (TB) demographic and clinical characteristics, risk factors and treatment outcomes in user-friendly formats, this year's report will include additional information on the results of genotyping of TB specimens, and estimates of the prevalence of latent TB infection in each county.

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Speeches & Presentations

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **July and August (TBD) 2016**, California Asthma Partners (CAP), a statewide asthma coalition facilitated by California Breathing, CDPH's asthma program, will offer a webinar series for health care professionals. Topics will include the importance of using an asthma action plan to guide patient self-management (July 2016), and exercise and asthma (August 2016). One Continuing Education Unit will be offered per 75-minute webinar. More information is available on [CAP's website](#).

- **August 1 and 2, 2016**, the CDPH California Breathing (CB) program staff will present two interactive table-top discussions on asthma management and a workshop on how to identify and reduce asthma triggers in the home, at the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) Summit in Sacramento. Up to 500 attendees are expected. More information is available on the [CHVP Summit's website](#).
- **July and August (TBD) 2016**, the CDPH California Breathing program will facilitate curricula entitled, Asthma Education for the Community Health Worker, for health educators and clinicians that provide asthma in-home visits/interventions. The curricula, developed by the Association of Asthma Educators, is led by a certified asthma-educator and community health worker/promotor. The course consists of five, two-hour modules taught in English and Spanish. Attendees will include clinical and community health worker staff and volunteers from Rady Children's Hospital and La Maestra Community Clinic in San Diego, and LifeLong Medical in Richmond. More information is available on the [CB website](#).

Center for Environmental Health

- **August 12, 2016**, the CDPH Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory's Environmental Microbiologist will present at the National Environmental Monitoring Conference in Garden Grove. The presentation is part of a conference session focusing on applications of quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) methods for microbiological contaminants. The presentation will cover CDPH's work on developing guidance materials for qPCR detection of enterococcus in recreational water. qPCR and related molecular techniques are promising tools in public health as they provide water quality information in a shorter time frame (hours), whereas conventional, culture-based methods require up to two days.

Center for Family Health

- **August 1 - 7, 2016**, is World Breastfeeding Week. This year's theme is "Breastfeeding: A Key to Sustainable Development." The CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health, with support from the Women, Infants and Children Program, will provide breastfeeding messages through the CDPH social media networks.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **September 20 - 23, 2016**, the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (STD CB) will present on STD prevention work in California for the 2016 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's STD Prevention Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- **August 2016**, CDPH staff from the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange and Communicable Disease Emergency Response Programs will present at the Public Health Informatics Conference in Atlanta, GA. The first presentation "Electronic Communicable Disease Surveillance: Analysis to Action" will be an overview of the current state of electronic communicable disease surveillance in California and a discussion about data management, data quality, timeliness of reporting and use of data for public health action. The second presentation "Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) in California: Expanding Access to Improve Communicable Disease Surveillance," will describe the various CDPH activities to expand ELR to highlight the challenges for health

information exchange and interoperability, including public health workforce-development related to electronic communicable-disease surveillance.

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Recent Activities & Achievements

Center for Environmental Health

- **Through July 29, 2016**, applications for [2016 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards](#) (GEELA) program are being accepted. The GEELA program is California's highest environmental honor. The program recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that demonstrate exceptional leadership and make notable, voluntary contributions in conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing the health of California's environment and people, building public-private partnerships and strengthening the state's economy. The awards will be presented for voluntary achievements culminated in 2015. Competition is open to all California residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, professional and trade associations, communities, state and local government entities, tribes, and federal agencies operating in California.

The annual GEELA program is administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the Natural Resources Agency, Department of Food and Agriculture, State Transportation Agency, Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, Government Operations Agency, Labor Workforce and Development Agency, and Health and Human Services Agency.

Center for Family Health

- **Summer 2016**, the CDPH Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division and the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division jointly released a new report "Making Connections: Understanding Women's Reasons for Not Enrolling in WIC during Pregnancy." Using 2010-2012 data from the Maternal and Infant Health Assessment (MIHA) survey, this report identifies reasons why some eligible women do not enroll in WIC during pregnancy and the characteristics of women reporting each reason. Approximately 53,600 women per year were eligible for WIC but did not enroll during pregnancy. The two leading reasons statewide for not enrolling in WIC during pregnancy were not thinking they would qualify (40 percent) and not thinking they needed WIC (35 percent). The percent of women reporting each reason is shown for the 10 counties with the most births in California and for subgroups by race/ethnicity and other characteristics. For access to the report, visit the [WIC website](#).

Emergency Preparedness Office

- **May 19, 2016**, the Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC) was activated in response to the Zika virus. The activation is focused on aggregating and updating information on the Zika outbreak and coordinating response activities across CDPH centers and programs. The MHCC is also managing requests for information from the public, health care facilities and local health departments.

Zika is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito (also known as yellow fever mosquitoes) and *Aedes albopictus* mosquito (also known as Asian tiger mosquitoes), which are not native to California. As of June, more than 60 countries have documented Zika virus transmission, with more than 40 reporting their first outbreak within recent months. Up to 80 percent of people who become infected with Zika virus will have no symptoms at all. Among those who do develop symptoms, the most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital and rarely die of Zika. For these reasons, many people might not realize they have been infected. However, Zika virus infection during pregnancy, even without symptoms, can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, as well as other fetal brain defects. Zika virus infection is now a reportable illness under Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations. Local health departments and CDPH are monitoring all pregnant women who test positive for Zika virus and their infants.

New and updated guidelines released by CDC are posted on the [CDPH website](#). Those with specific questions about the Zika virus including mosquito control, transmission, and bite prevention, can email JEOCuser43@cdph.ca.gov.

- **June 2, 2016**, CDPH and the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) conducted a functional exercise based on a 9.0 magnitude earthquake on the Cascadia Subduction Zone fault. More than 60 members of the CDPH and EMSA Emergency Response Teams participated at the Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC) and the State Receiving, Storing and Staging Mobilization Center (RSS). The focus of June's exercise was testing internal and external resource-requesting in support of the emergency. The capabilities tested included operational communication, situational assessment, information sharing and emergency operations coordination. This exercise laid the groundwork for the multi-agency Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) scheduled for November 17, 2016. More information is available on the [SWMHE website](#).
- **June 27 - 29, 2016**, CDPH and the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) held the 2016 Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop. The goal of the workshop was to build pathways across public health and medical emergency preparedness, and to strengthen connectedness with partner agencies. More than 400 participants attended the three-day conference, which provided a variety of plenary, break-out and poster sessions. Presentations included cleaning up the environment following an anthrax attack, developing effective drills and exercises, and coordinating medical and health preparedness efforts with Tribal communities. Guests included Marion McFadden from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Mike Nalipinski from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. There was also a presentation on community recovery and resiliency after the terrorist attacks at Sandy Hook Elementary School and the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino. The workshop was made possible by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response and the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Presentations from this year's workshop can be found [here](#).

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **September 2016**, Dr. Joan Chow of the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (STDCB) will receive the 2016 Achievement Award of the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association (ASTDA) at the STD Prevention Conference in Atlanta. The ASTDA Achievement Award is presented annually to acknowledge an outstanding body of research in sexually transmitted diseases. The award reflects Dr. Chow's dedication, leadership and continuous contribution to the field.

Office of Health Equity

- **April 11, 2016**, the California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force shared publicly and with the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) an update on HiAP Task Force activities between December 2015 and April 2016, and received endorsement of an action plan to promote violence-free and resilient communities. The update included highlights of interagency projects, infrastructure development, and external capacity building and outreach. The April 2016 update and action plan are available at [SGC's website](#). The public is encouraged to attend the SGC meetings and to provide comments on agenda items. More information on SGC meetings can be found on the [SGC website](#).
- **September 2016**, the CDPH Office of Health Equity is tentatively scheduled to release the California Reducing Disparities Project Strategic Plan to Reduce Mental Health Disparities. This plan provides community-driven direction to transform the California public mental health system and reduce disparities in racial, ethnic and LGBTQ communities. For more information, please visit the [OHE website](#).

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